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## World



Hungary's Foreign Minister will soon close the door on East Germans who were exiting via Hungary into West Germany. The Foreign Minister's plan is to dismantle border barriers and revise agreements limiting the movement of East bloc citizens.

The United States and the Soviet Union are close to an agreement on a major arms-control front to disclose stockpiles of chemical weapons and permit inspection of their facilities. The goal of the agreement is set for Sept. 22-23 and final details worked out by Monday or Tuesday.

## Nation



President Reagan is encouraging more Americans to adopt physically, mentally, and emotionally disabled children by offering a \$3,000 tax break to those couples who do so.

Music star, Michael Jackson, will contract with L.A. Gear Sportswear manufacturers where he will design clothing and appear in advertisements. The deal is valued at more than \$20 million.

## State



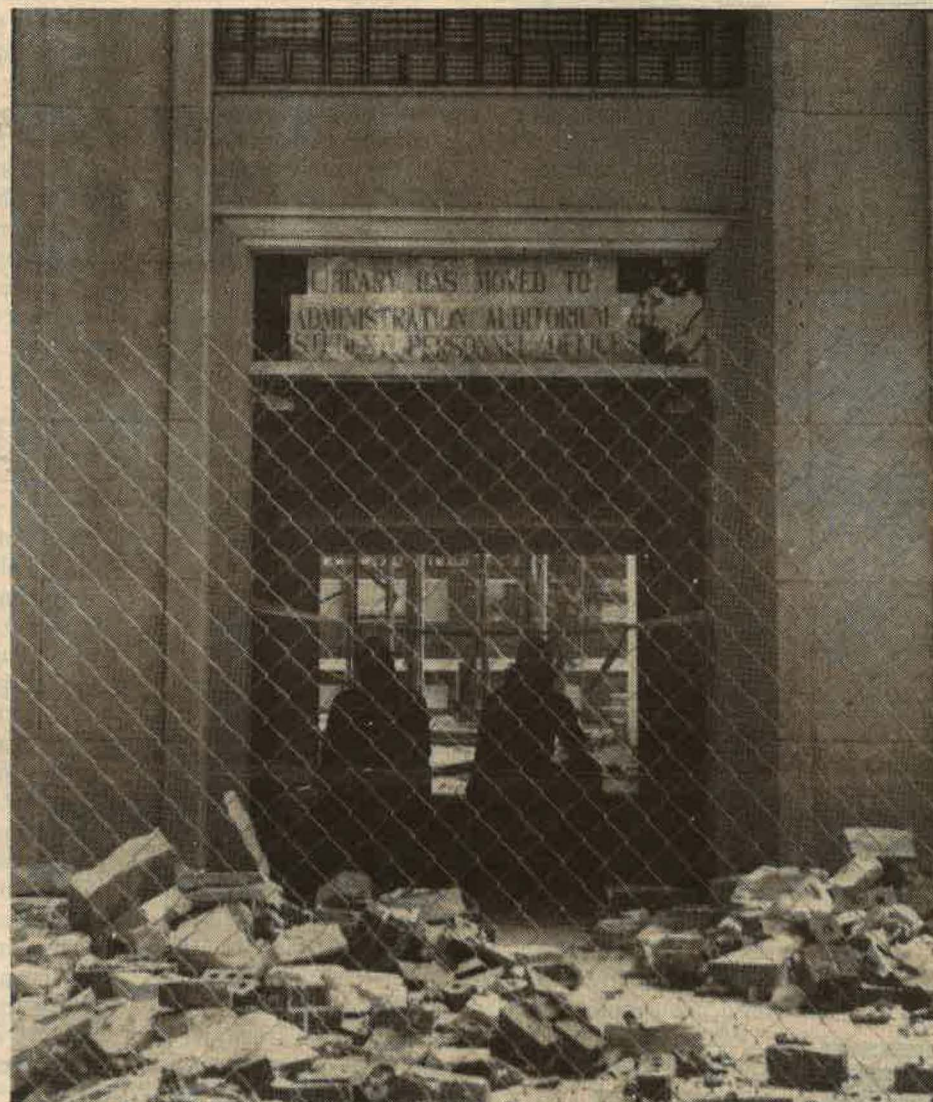
The Reverend Billy Graham arrived in Little Rock Thursday morning to begin his Arkansas Crusade. Events began Thursday, but Graham is not scheduled to speak until 6 p.m. Sunday.

Thirty-nine year old Larry King stabbed his mother, Virgie King, in Little Rock Municipal Court Wednesday. According to police, Larry King was charged with first-degree battery and is being held on \$50,000 bond in the Little Rock jail. King attacked his mother as she was approaching the bench in trial. He was in court facing several charges.

## Campus



Student Association run-off elections for freshmen will be held in the Student Center today. Voting hours are 9:45-5:00 p.m.



## A FINE MESS

TWO WORKERS take a break from their work on the renovation of the library. The work is scheduled to be finished by July, 1990. (photo by Wayne Westerholm, Photography Editor)

Library renovation  
one for the books

by Kathleen Eyman  
Bison staff writer

Amid the jumble of bricks, mortar and scaffolding, renovation of the Beaumont Memorial Library continues, while students use the temporary facilities located in the Administration Auditorium.

"It has been a great cooperative effort on the part of the library staff, students, and administration," said Harding president Dr. David Burks.

Construction, which began in May, is expected to be completed on schedule in July of 1990, at an estimated cost of \$1.6 million. Twenty-five percent of the funds is provided by the Mabree Foundation, with the remainder being supplied by other sources.

After books were moved into the Administration Auditorium, workers began the first phase of renovation, asbestos removal, which lasted one month. The current phase, which Dr. Burks calls "demolition," will last only a few weeks, after which the third phase of rebuilding will begin.

"It's a new building for all practical purposes," Dr. Burks concluded.

Suzanne Spurrier, director of library circulation and technical services, added, "As well as building, we're moving into electronic improvements."

There will be 16 on-line computer terminals used to access information formerly provided by the card catalogue. Also, a "CD-ROM" computer system will allow students to index periodicals. In the future, students, using a modem in their rooms, might be able to determine if the library has a particular book and even reserve the book.

Other improvements include an elevator for handicapped students, nine typing carrels, and a study area on the second floor overlooking the campus through large windows.

## STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION RETURNS

	Freshman (runoffs)	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
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Men's Representative	Jason King Scott Shappard			Chad Massie
Women's Representative	Renee Webb Jennifer Fly			



## It's not easy being green; advice from one who knows

I always resented the word "green." There was only one use for it, and that was to describe a freshman. I hated being a freshman and a green one worse than that. Upperclassmen would ask me what year I was in college (not that they had to ask because it was written all over me). I would choke out "A freshman" between a cough and a mumble and quickly look the other direction, hoping they wouldn't respond. They **always** did, and it was **always** the same, "That's okay. You've gotta start somewhere." Could I have been more humiliated?

Now, three years later, I realize the truth in that statement. Even though the thought humiliated me then, I see now the wisdom in it.

Being a freshman is a learning process, but, hey — that's okay. It takes time, but it's fun while it lasts. I know how it feels to be on the outside of an inside joke, so I'll let you in on a few campus secrets:

The lilypool devos are not at the lilypool.

The "Rock" is not a term for a stone you pick up on the sidewalk.

The "Freshman 15" comes easily — especially after 5 p.m.

Red and white makes pink in the wash.

All the mail you're getting now will not last through the fall semester.

You shouldn't ask a guy/girl to a club function one month in advance.

No one ever bothered to educate me on this vital information. I learned through trial and error. Fun? Yes. Painful? Ditto.

Despite what you're told, it's okay to be a greenie. We all were at one time. As the semester goes, you'll learn about cheap dates, all-nighters, and rally bags. You'll learn how to Saturday slouch and maybe even how to study.

Even though the number of you is overwhelming, you are all welcomed. You're the future of Harding University. You are what Harding will be. You are important even at the bottom of the college totem pole.

As I close, I leave you with these fine words of wisdom to take with you each day, implant in your mind, and hold close to your heart — the secret escape from being green.

"NO CHEESE"

Need I say more?

— The Editor



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## EDITORIALS

# People make the Harding difference

DONNY DILLON

*Bison staff writer*

As the spring 1989 semester drew to a close, I was ecstatically anticipating getting to go home. Between final exam all-nighters and simple year-end "burn-out," I (along with the rest of the student body) was ready to get on with summer at home or abroad on campaigns. After rapidly driving halfway across this beautiful nation of ours, I arrived home. It was great to see family and hometown friends again.

During the first couple of weeks, I thought about school as much as I thought about mowing the lawn. However, a month or two into this well deserved summer vacation, something happened. I had a sudden longing to return to Harding. I had written some good friends from school, and I wanted to see them again. Don't get me wrong. I didn't exactly feel a calling to schoolwork. What I did want was to see those peers and faculty that share a common bond in Christ with each other and myself. Friendships are made at school that honestly do last for a lifetime. Be-

ing apart from true friends makes you feel even closer to them at heart.

It was great being at home and spending needed time with my family and also the "kids" I grew up with. Now, it's also great to be at my "home away from home" with this Harding family of ours. The people you grow close to are the ones that make this place "tick" in your life. It's also important to cultivate new relationships, or at least help fellow Christians when they're in need. Proverbs 27:10 says "do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father..." Spending good quality time with the people you're close to is important, especially while you have the chance. This applies to being at home as well as in college. You may miss the opportunities now to grow and form friendships that will last forever, because time flies by. In the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," Ferris said something that has kind of stuck in my mind. "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't look around once in a while, you may miss it."

## Aroma of change permeates campus

Those of you who have been at Harding for a while know that the new administrative phrase around campus is "...the aroma of..."

Well, I don't know what other smells have been wafting across campus, but the one "aroma" I perceive is the continual aroma of change.

It doesn't take too many instances of inhaling 60-year-old dust on the short walk from chapel to the Bible building to know that the renovation of the library is well under way. And walking through the American Heritage for the first time left me looking for the valet parking.

I had the distinct privilege of being enrolled in summer school and watching many of these changes take place. In fact, my heart leapt with joy when I saw the destruction of the old west dorm next to Keller Hall. I drove by every day as visions of parking SOMEWHERE WITHIN THE GENERAL GEOGRAPHIC AREA of my place of residence choreographed in my head.

Well, most of you know the rest of the story. As I journeyed back to my dorm from Egypt, I mean the new gym parking lot, I felt a small feeling of inner rage as I read the letters from the newly painted sign that stands firm in the soil that once held the old West Dorm:

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So much for my dream. The rationale in a commuter parking lot next to a dormitory? Well, editorially speaking, I have yet to find one.

The changes have been good for the most part, but some of them have yet to be judged.

There is one change that I have noticed that is probably

the most refreshing of all. As I was savoring the fine morsels of food in the Heritage cafe, I looked across the dining hall and saw something that hasn't been seen on the Harding campus for years: people interacting with people rather than just clubs interacting with clubs.

Ever since the establishment of clubs, the problem of club barriers has hindered a lot of people's growth. This year, more than any other that I have been here, I have seen weaker "club barriers." In fact, I've noticed the clubs being a little more of what they were intended to be in the first place.

Of course, I have still run across an occasional old joe who shunned me on jersey day, but for the most part, the clubs seem to be fulfilling more of their purpose now than in past years.

My opinion? I say let's keep doing it. I have just about had enough of the person that cries four days a week that we are one in Christ and then will not talk to me when I am not wearing the right color. That is what has been true in previous years, but for some reason, this year feels different.

I must admit, though, that I am a guilty dog. There were times that I was one of the worst of the "clubbies" and probably turned a lot of people off. I don't want this to turn into a confession, but I do want you all to know that the barriers seem to be going down...finally.

There are a lot of changes, taking place on the campus. If you are someone who needs to make a change, then go ahead and do it. A lot of people already have, and it has made Harding a lot greater place to be.

— Assistant Editor

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## Gardner explains no shorts rule, helps build overall school picture

by Darren Bonham  
Bison staff writer

Every year the same questions are posed in relation to the shorts rule. People ask, "What is the shorts rule, why is there one and what purpose does it serve?"

Let's start by defining exactly what the rule is as stated in the Harding University Central Handbook.

On page 12, under Women's General Dress Code, letter D, it states that "Cutoffs or shorts that come within two (2) or three (3) inches of the knee may be worn on the campus for participating in gym classes and other athletic activities only. No shorts of any kind are permitted for casual wear on the campus or for outings. Then on page 13, under Men's General Dress Code (Attire on Campus), letter A, it states that "Shorts are not permitted to be worn in the classroom buildings, Administration Building, American Heritage, library, Student Center or cafeterias."

Many people view the shorts rule as a modesty issue, when actually it is not a modesty issue at all.

"Harding is different by design," was the continuing theme expressed by (Dean of Students) Butch Gardner. The core reason for the rule is to put Harding in a different category than other universities. When visitors, parents, or local citizens see us, they will see a university that is concerned about its dress, Gardner says. Every aspect of Harding is meant to be an attitude that is an example for others of spirituality. According to Gardner, all the rules that have been laid down are for the purpose of helping Harding exemplify, through its students, the Christ lifestyle.

Now the rule isn't just for those people

who view our campus. The rule is for our benefit also. By following a modest and self-respecting dress code at all times, we are showing respect for each other and the University in a Christ-like manner.

According to Dean Gardner, before a student can attend Harding, he or she must sign an agreement stating that they will follow and obey the rules that have been laid down in the General Handbook. By abusing the shorts rule they are therefore breaking their contract with the University.

"People have said we should just abolish the shorts rule," continued Gardner. "But all that would do is open the door for abuse."

When the question, "What do you think of the shorts rule," was posed to a variety of students in the Student Center, the following replies were given:

"Temperature should be considered when discussing casual wear."

"Harding should define casual wear."

"It's a traditional viewpoint that some people refuse to let go."

"It's inconsistent with the skirt rule."

"We should at least be able to jog around campus in shorts."

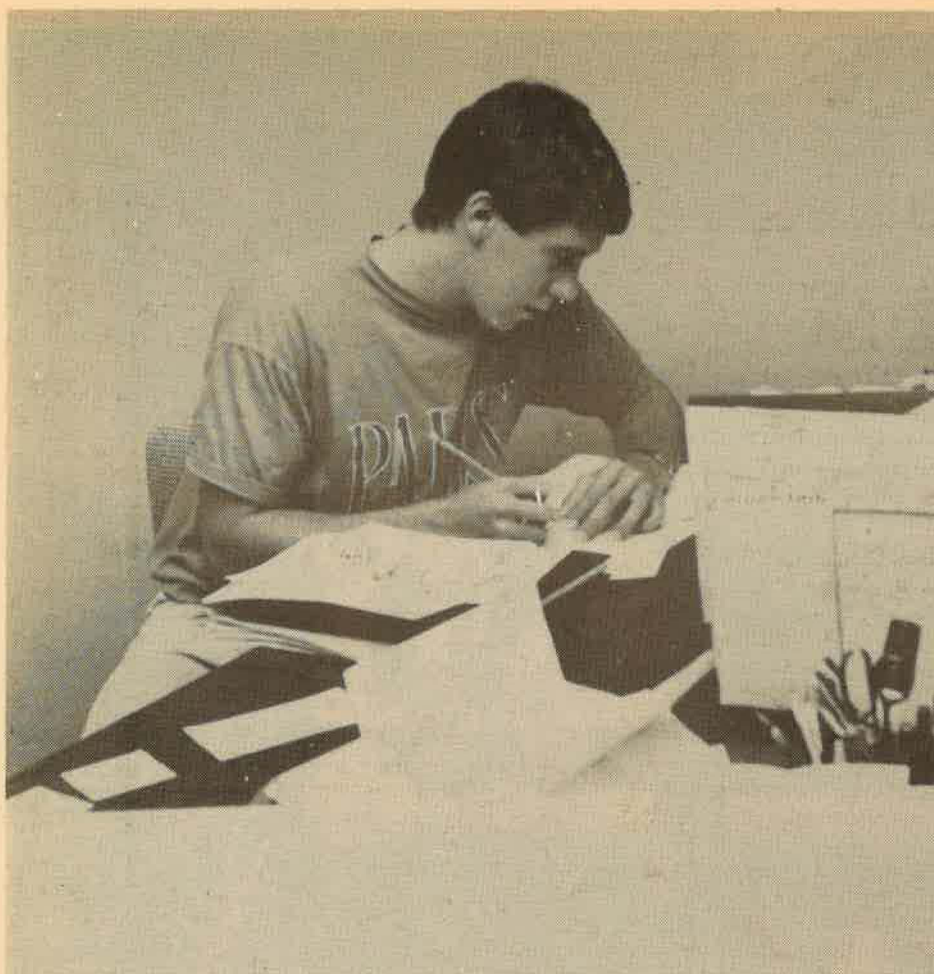
"Shorts should be allowed at Club and intramural ball games, while in the Student Center and even in the game room."

"Long shorts should be alright anywhere except chapel and classes."

"If it's not a modesty issue then what's the purpose?"

Dean Gardner's final statement was a plea to the student body, asking for their cooperation in the upholding of this rule.

"It's going to mean a change of attitude," Gardner said. "People are going to have to quit looking at the shorts rule as a negative and start focusing on the positive and spiritual aspects of our University."



THE BIG CHEESE

SA PRESIDENT Craig Cheatham works to compile numbers for the Harding student telephone directory. The SA hopes to have the directory completed by October.

(photo by Wayne Westerholm, Photography Editor)

## SA emphasizes involvement, change as '89-'90 plans unfold

by Anita Chadwell  
Bison staff writer

The Student Association takes on a new more assertive role this year with Craig Cheatham leading the way. As SA President, Cheatham has a positive outlook for the year along with great confidence in both his and his staff's abilities.

Most of the work done by the SA is carried out through committees. Cheatham boasts that the committees are already working hard to make this year more profitable than in the past years.

"Every one of my committee chairmen is the best I think I could have gotten," Cheatham said. Three times as many people are already signed up to work on committees this year and Cheatham plans to use everyone. In fact, Cheatham added, "No longer will one little group be doing all the work. The SA is for everyone. There's stuff to do and we're willing to let everyone do it."

Besides serving watermelons and Cokes at Student Impact, the SA has been busiest getting organized for future events. The Student Directory is the priority project now, which is expected to be at the printers this week. The Physical Plant Committee is already working on parking improvements for Keller Dormitory.

According to Cheatham, Homecoming will be a much expanded and improved event for students this year. In the past the greatest emphasis has been placed on the alumni. This year Cheatham hopes to involve the students in a week long event to build up to the Saturday Bison game. He also hopes to give the freshmen reason to get involved since they will not yet have activities with their social clubs.

The Spiritual Life committee is also in full

swing with lily pool devotionals. Since over 200 people signed up for this committee, Cheatham said the SA will be able to reach into new projects with children's homes and programs such as Big Brother/Big Sister. Also the College Church has asked the Spiritual Life Committee to take charge of the student lectureship this year instead of sponsoring two separate lectureships.

So far, Cheatham is excited about the developments this year and about his opportunity to serve as President of the SA. He has worked with the SA for the past three years and anticipated this position from the start. "I wanted to do the work," Cheatham said. "I like to watch it all come together. I wanted to be the one who could make improvements."

Besides the SA, Cheatham is Layout Editor for The Bison, Zeta Rho beau, and working 23 hours a week as a telephone operator. He claims he has not felt any stress yet and does not foresee stress in the future. "The more I have to do, the more I get done," Cheatham said.

Cheatham's attitude for the SA is one of serving. "We entertain and we involve," he said about the purpose of the SA. This year Cheatham is placing the emphasis on involvement. "If a person comes to Harding and doesn't get involved or have any purpose but to go to classes and back to the dorm, that's not Harding. College is an experience. Everyone has to find some way to get in on things. I look at the S.A. as a way for everyone to get involved and do something beneficial and fulfilling," Cheatham said.

Cheatham is very hopeful about the progress made and the future plans. "From what I've seen so far, nothing in the past compares to it," Cheatham concludes. "It's not going to change everyone's life, but as far as SA goes, I couldn't be prouder."

## "Hoopla"

— by Ronnie Ashlock





## Ryan slates Spring Sing tryouts

by Angie Haley  
Bison editor

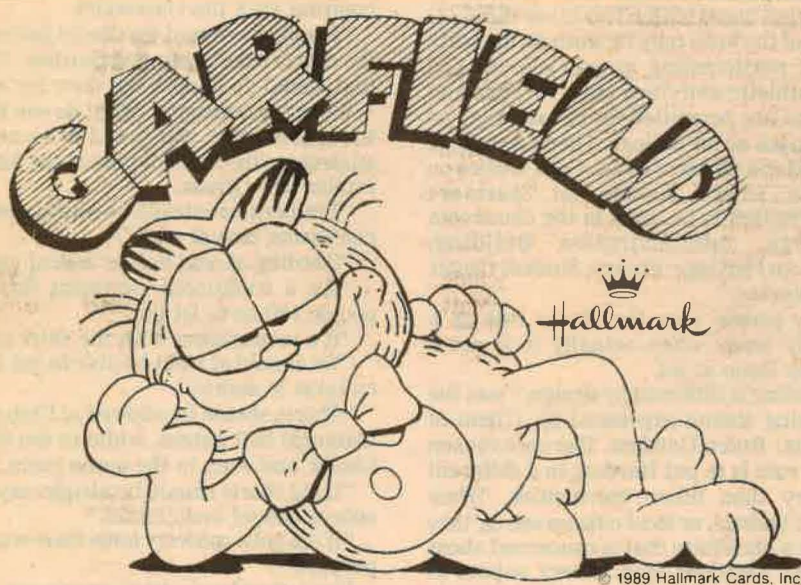
Spring Sing Host and Hostess Auditions will be held this Sunday in the Benson Auditorium from 7:00-10:30. According to Dr. John Ryan, Chairman of the Communications Department, a student must sing one selection with piano accompaniment only.

A student is judged by the weighing of positives and negatives from their performance. A total of 40-50 finalists will be

selected, and roughly four of five men and women will be chosen from those. Steve Holder, who heads the Spring Sing host and hostess performances every year, will make the ultimate decision on selections.

The criteria for evaluating a preliminary audition are personal appearance, stage presence, singing ability, creativity, and ease of movement.

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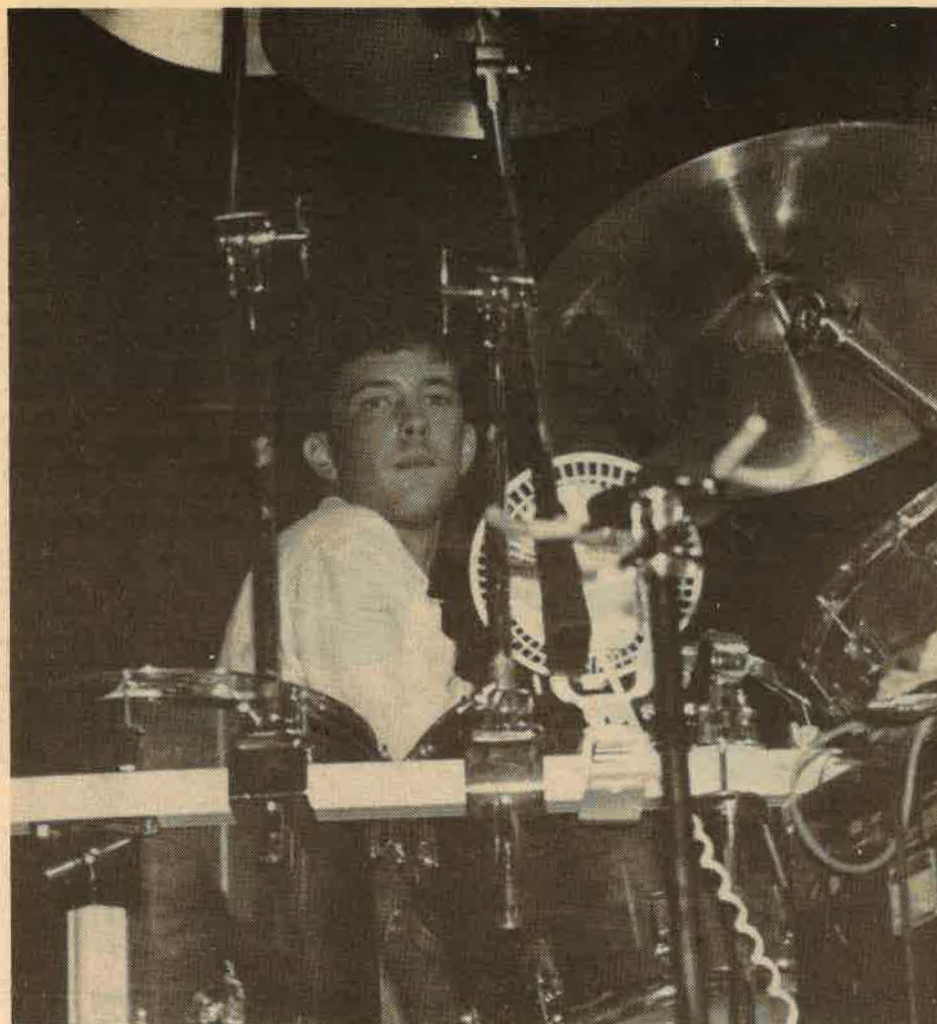
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Boyce H. Arnett, PD  
Class of '66



### INTO THE BEAT

SPENCE SMITH, of the Time of Day, plays with the group during the annual freshman/transfer talent show in the Benson Auditorium. Saturday night's show held a record attendance of more than 1,000.

(photo by Wayne Westerholm, Photography Editor)

## Heritage renovation on schedule

by Robin Jackson  
Bison staff writer

Most everyone has noticed that the American Heritage Center has taken on a new look. The American Heritage is often used as greeting center for visitors on campus. Therefore, Dr. David Burks felt that the first impression people have of Harding should do justice to the image of the school. Around the middle of May construction workers began removing asbestos from the building. Approximately one month later, the renovation began.

Many improvements have already been made. While there have been some exterior repairs, most work has taken place inside. For example, the whole building has been painted and carpeted.

Also, the lobby has been outfitted with new furniture. In addition, the third and fourth floors, now called

The Heritage Inn, will be used for motel rooms. During the week, the rooms will be used primarily for conference guests and those who are visiting on campus for school related purposes.

However, on weekends and holidays, it is expected that the parents, grandparents, and friends of students will enjoy The Heritage Inn. In the meantime, the third floor is being used temporarily as a girl's dorm. This is strictly for convenience reasons in an effort to not overcrowd the normal dorms or to turn away female students because of lack of housing.

Most work should be completed by Sept. 23 except the first and second floor developmental office areas. The Heritage Inn should be completely finished by Dec. 4.

Dr. Burks estimated that all of the construction has cost about \$900,000.

## Men's dorm, telephone system highlight Harding additions

by Mark Thomas  
Bison staff writer

Rock houses no more. The old Harding look is starting to be a thing of the past. Along with the Heritage, new library, and athletic facility changes, the new men's dorm helps complete the transition to the "new" Harding look. Though no name has been given to the dorm, Patty Barrett, Director of Housing, stated that it is at full capacity. This new dorm presently holds both upper and lower classmen.

"The new dorm didn't fill up as fast as I'd thought it would, but now it's full," Barrett

said. The dorm helped with the three to a room problem. "We moved the students who are three to a room in Armstrong to the new dorm," she said.

Larry Daughety, who was the dorm director for Graduate dorm for many years, is the new dorm director.

"We liked the guys in Grad. My family was comfortable there, but we like it here as well," Daughety said. He stated that there are several improvements to this dorm and has some advantages the other dorms don't offer. The new dorm has an elevator, kitchen, and the rooms are carpeted.



## Gardner named Dean of Students

by Angie Haley  
Bison editor

With Dr. Jerome Barnes stepping up the ladder to Vice President of Student Affairs, another administrative change was close behind. Butch Gardner, previously Assistant Dean of Men, moved into place at the end of the spring semester and took on the position of Dean of Students.

"With Dr. Barnes being so involved with his work, it was impossible for him to continue to hold the position of Dean of Students along with Vice President of Student Affairs," Gardner says. "The administration placed another level of administration that operated both ways."

According to Dean Gardner, the difference

in his new position and the previous one, is that he is working with all students at Harding instead of just the men only. Foy O'Neal, Dean of Men, and Kay Gowen, Dean of Women, help to take part of the pressures off so that Dean Gardner doesn't handle every situation.

In his plans for the future, Gardner foresees graduate school as an option. Since his ties with Harding must keep him close to home, Gardner hopes to attend school not far from Searcy.

In long term goals, Gardner says he would enjoy the position of Vice President of Student Affairs. "At this moment, I'm not hungry for this position, but would very much enjoy it as a goal for the future."



Gardner



O'Neal



Gowen

## O'Neal slated Dean of Men

by April Cantrell  
Bison staff writer

This school year many changes have been made in administrative positions. One of these was the appointment of Foy O'Neal as the Dean of Men. The position became available when the former Dean of Men, L. Butch Gardner, was named Dean of Students. O'Neal, who served as Assistant Director of Admissions for three years, came to Harding from Oklahoma where he was a self-employed businessman.

O'Neal is excited about his new position because it means he will be working with the

students on a more personal level. O'Neal remarked about his new position saying, "Before, I got to recruit the students, but I never really got to know them."

O'Neal added that his main objective for the upcoming year is to get better acquainted with the student body. However, O'Neal believes the most difficult part of his job is having to take action against students who violate the rules.

When asked about his goals for this school year, O'Neal said he would like to bring a positive influence to the Student Affairs Office.

## Gowen assumes new role

by Dennis L. Mann  
Bison copy editor

Kay Gowen has been named the new Dean of Women in the recent realigning of the Student Affairs Office. Gowen, who has worked at Harding since 1987, takes over the position from Mary Beth Downing. Gowen graduated from Harding in 1968 with a double major in journalism and music. She has spent 18 years in public education, including eight years at Crowley's Ridge College. Before moving to her new position, Gowen

was assistant director of Public Relations for Harding.

Gowen is excited about her new position as Dean of Women. Gowen said that she is a people person and is firmly committed to the virtues of Harding and retaining its integrity. Gowen's goal for her new position is to be caring, considerate, and most of all show a positive, understanding attitude. At the same time Gowen hopes to maintain the fairness and consistency her position demands.

## Harding holds "NO VACANCY" after enrollment exceeds capacity limits

by J. Larsen  
Bison staff writer

The record enrollment this fall exceeded last year's by about 100 students, but record enrollment levels are not without its problems.

The school is out of dormitory space and the classrooms are filled over capacity. So now the University has to answer the question that keeps popping up: should we build more campus facilities to accommodate the greater increase in students or just restrict enrollment?"

Another problem is that restricting enrollment would mean that inevitably there would be Harding alumni with children who would not be able to attend because of capacity enrollments.

For Harding University, record enrollment does have its stumbling blocks. Whether or not she decides to restrict her enrollment in the future has yet to be seen, but for now, Harding has her NO VACANCY sign out.

## Musical Notes

by Wayne Westerholm  
Bison staff writer

This year's homecoming musical production, "Brigadoon," is in rehearsal for Homecoming Weekend performances Oct. 26-28. "Brigadoon" is a fantasy tale of two American hunters who stumble across the mysterious town of Brigadoon while hunting in Scotland. In order to avoid the evils that each century holds, the town awakens for one day each century.

The two hunters, Tommy (Conrad Ekkens) and Jeff (Jody Wood) enter the town, unaware that their lives would be changed forever. Tommy, who is engaged, falls in love with Fiona (Anna Conley) while Meg (Susan Richardson) pursues Jeff. Tommy and Jeff face a dilemma, for they must either leave or stay in Brigadoon forever.

Other members of the cast include Eric French, Samuel Clark, Matt May, Jonathan Nail, Jeff Terwilliger, Tara Buss, Chris Nuthak and Deanna Taylor.

Dr. Morris Ellis will be directing the show with John Foiding serving as the assistant director. Dr. Arthur Shearin will be directing the musical components of the production and Dr. Daniel Tullos will be directing the Scottish choreography. James McCordle is the stage manager. Robert Patton is the publicity director, and Teresa Huff will be making the costumes.

Tickets are expected to go on sale Tuesday, Sept. 19.

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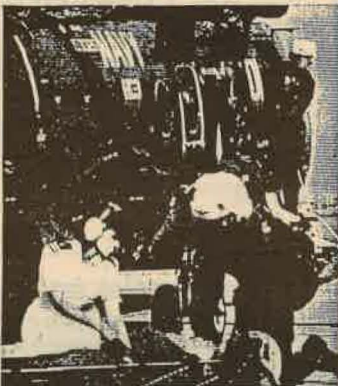
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### TAKING A DIP

TO ESCAPE the August Arkansas heat, Melissa Dennison, Dana Durigan, and Brian Gainey indulge at the ice cream wagon. This was one of the most popular Student Impact activities.

(photo by Sharon Bowles)

## Impact program orients freshmen

by Mark Hodges  
Bison staff writer

For four years now, a program called Student Impact has greeted freshmen and transfer arriving on the Harding campus for the first time.

With a record enrollment of 762 freshmen and transfers and 320 upper classmen workers. Student Impact had what appears to be its strongest year ever.

"One of the most rewarding things about the program was watching people who came to the campus not knowing anyone ended up hugging and becoming close to one another by the end of the program," said Co-Director Sara Gaston.

The program started four years ago to help orient incoming freshmen and transfers to life at Harding. The program consists of "energy group" meetings which help explain some of the unwritten codes of Harding life. Other activities include a dating panel designed to introduce the new student to Harding's dating life.

This year's program did have a few changes from past activities. Among other new things were a parents program, a slumber party for the women and an activi-

ty night for the men. Something else that was new this year was a birthday party in the Heritage Cafeteria complete with what Gaston said was "the biggest cake I've ever seen. Everyone got at least three pieces."

Gaston commented that the true success of the program is not in the activities planned, but in the relationships that those activities help to grow. Gaston also said that one of the highest points of the week was a phone call that was made from the Benson Auditorium stage to Donnie Higgins. Donnie is an incoming student that is unable to attend school this year because of injuries received from an automobile accident.

"We got a phone hookup to the Benson stage," Gaston said, "and David (Vaughn) called Donnie and we all sang 'we love you with the love of the Lord' to him. You could tell that it made his day, and it just made everyone tingle it was so exciting."

This year's Student Impact is being considered a great success by many of those involved. It is a program that appears to have helped many people adapt to life at Harding and is one that seems to accomplish this goal of developing lasting relationships.

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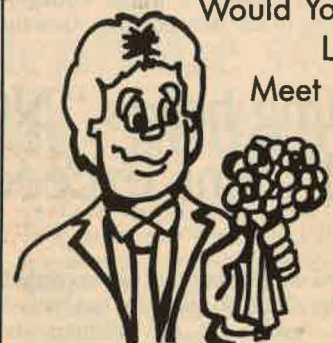
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# SPORTS

## Men's intramurals in full fall swing

by Rick Butler  
Bison sports editor

It's time to start off a new year of intramural and club sports but hold on boys, there's a new sheriff in town! Dr. Mike Pruitt is the new intramural director. He joins us from York, Neb., and I'm sure he'll do a great job here.

Softball is in full swing with several games having already been played in club and intramural action.

It's a little late to say now, but Big Club is going to be great! Titans were my preseason pick and they haven't disappointed anyone but their opponents. Sub-T may be a little below par this year but they are sure to be right there battling it out. TNT is also tough on occasions.

In middle club, Chi Sigs, Knights, and Theta Tau will fight it out for the top spot. Knights have been a little sporadic as of late but did win the Sub-T tournament to begin the year. Theta Tau, along with Titans, have to be one of the most improved teams on campus. The return of Jamie Knapp seems to have put a little of the "Raw Saw" back into Theta Tau and they are only going to get better!

In small club action, Sig Tau has dominated play so far. The boys in green have bounced back from that tough loss to AGO in last spring's final to take the top spot.

Any way you look at it, it's going to be a great potluck tourney. Parity reigns and that makes for exciting softball!

By the way, the Cubs are in first place!

## Club softball showcased high scoring games

by John Bossong  
Bison sports writer

Club softball last week showcased a lot of high scoring ball games at the "A" level. High scoring games were taking place all week long with some scores of most of the games over ten runs and a lot of heavy hitting.

Knights "A" team defeated Galaxy's "A" team 15-1. Knights came out swinging with four runs in the first inning. Knights controlled the whole game and blew it open in the fourth inning with a six run inning to finish the route of Galaxy.

TNT shut out Alpha Tau 10-0. TNT scored six runs in the fourth inning and scattered the rest throughout the game. TNT combined all singles, one triple and one double to dominate Alpha Tau.

Later in the week TNT beat Kappa Sigs 1-32. TNT dominated the whole game scattering 13 runs in seven innings and scored six runs in the third inning. On the night TNT had 10 hits total.

Chi Sigs defeated Knights 10-5. Scoring five runs in the fourth inning with two outs boosted Chi Sigs to their victory. With two outs Jay Lightfoot, Randy Neill and Bill Ashmore all singled to start the rally for Chi Sigs.

SBS outlasted AGO to beat them 15-13 in the highest scoring game of the week which featured 28 runs in seven innings. The fourth inning was a key inning for the SBS team.



### A CLOSE CALL

JIMMY PIKE tries to beat the throw to first baseman Mark Holderbaum in a Kappa Sig-TNT A-team matchup. TNT won handily with a final score of 12-5.

(photo by Wayne Westerholm, Photography Editor)

## Pruitt says intramural program is off to a great start

by Jeff Moore  
Bison sports writer

The Harding University men's intramural sports program is off to a great start, according to newly appointed men's intramural director Dr. David Pruitt.

Pruitt, who recently assumed the position of director of men's intramural sports, came to Harding from York College in York, Neb. Pruitt said working as intramural director

and tennis coach at York for six years has helped him tremendously in his job as director at Harding.

"The program is going very well," said Pruitt, and the transition from former director, Cecil Beck, to Pruitt has gone quite smoothly. There have been no changes in the program since Beck retired from the director's spot, said Pruitt. "We are still using the

same handbook and playing the same sports." Pruitt said that the program had worked well for 36 years under Beck's direction, and he sees no need to change it now.

The success of the program, Pruitt said, is not all to his credit. Dr. Jack Boustead has helped a great deal in supervising the intramural program. Pruitt also credited his hard working staff and assistants for their participation in the program.

## Bisons lose season opener; Gill, Spann defensive stars

by Eric Morgan  
Bison sports writer

Although the Bison football team lost their season opener 5-0 to Emporia State University, Coach Larry Richmond was not disappointed over the team's performance. "Both teams played exceptionally well," commented Richmond. "The defensive teams were balanced, but we just couldn't put points on the board." Emporia State, located in central Kansas, was rated to be a fine team this year.

Harding's next opponent, Evangel College, was #2 in the nation in Division 2 and posted an 11-1 record last season. When asked of Evangel, he replied, "I'm not quite sure what to expect this season, but we are looking forward to traveling to Springfield, Mo., to play them on turf."

Richmond has 15 years of experience in coaching football. Last year was his first year at Harding, leading his team to a respectable 4-6 record. He hopes the team will improve this year, despite a tough schedule ahead. "We are playing some good, competitive teams this year," Richmond adds.

Stars on offense at Emporia State included Chris Hill, who ran for 51 yards on 12 carries and WR Mike Alexander, who caught 4 passes. On defense, Patrick Gill had a game-

leading 21 tackles and senior co-captain John Spann had 14 tackles. Both players received honorable mention in Arkansas newspapers.

The Bisons' first home game is on Saturday, Sept. 23, against Southeastern Oklahoma at 7 p.m.

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Oct. 21	at HSU*	Arkadelphia
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# Here today, gone tomorrow; more changes to come

by Carmelita Bandy  
Bison staff writer

Once again, Harding University is well in- to another successful academic year. However, changes have occurred which will require some getting used to from the facul- ty and the students.

New building construction and renovation of existing facilities cover the campus. The New Men's Dorm is now completed and houses over 200 students. The Beaumont Memorial Library is now in the process of being modernized and the tentative comple- tion date has been set for next fall. The Ad- ministration Auditorium has been transformed into a temporary library for this year, moving Mike Cope's "Peak of the Week" class to the Benson Auditorium. The American Heritage is still in the process of being converted into the Heritage Inn, Har- ding's very own high-rise hotel. However, the third floor is presently housing freshmen girls. Finally, to make room for the library, the Student Affairs Office has moved to the second floor of the student center.

Also new to campus is the Harding Telephone System (HTS), which has proven to be a huge benefit to the students. The system promises to cut down on telephone service expenses, and offer service to all dormitory residents.

New and old rules are being strongly en- forced this year. Freshmen cannot receive late permission on a school night unless it is a club or school activity. Upperclassmen are being discouraged from obtaining late permission on Saturday nights due to possi- ble interference with Sunday morning ser- vices. Short and mini-skirt rules are also be- ing strongly enforced.

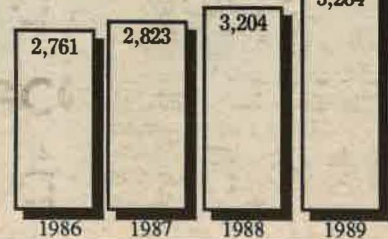
New faces on campus include Kay Gowen, dean of women, Foy O'Neil, dean of men, (transferring from the Admissions depart- ment), Bill Searcy, visiting missionary from Belize, and Tammy Dawson, the new Sears dorm manager.

Pledge Week activities begin Tuesday, Oct. 31, after Homecoming Weekend to avoid conflicting with other activities.

New wiring has been put in for KHCA radio station allowing all dorms to receive the signal.

Even though many changes have occur- red since last spring, the campus still holds more to come.

## Harding ENROLLMENT



Students traveling to Springfield, Mo., for the Bisons football game tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. against Evangel are invited to the Alumni and Friends Reception at the South National church of Christ, 727 S. Nation, from 5-7 p.m.

More than \$4,000 was collected from Harding students and faculty Monday and Tuesday to help Mark Berryman, missionary recruiter for Africa, who suffered a mild heart attack in Kenya last month.

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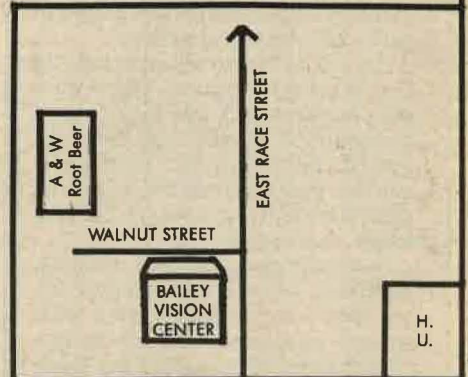
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